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IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING TOBACCO TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE CONTENT AND

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.97

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 et sea., Applicant submits herewith copies of the documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents in connection with the examination of the subject application.

The undersigned certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is believed that no fee is due for this submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). However, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any fee required.

> Respectfully submitted, BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

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